

SENATE BILL 512

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 14; Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9, relative to governance of higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-204(a)(1), is amended by deleting the third sentence of the subdivision and by substituting instead the following sentence:

The comptroller of the treasury, the secretary of state, the state treasurer and the chairs of the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of the representatives shall serve as ex officio, voting members of the commission.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) The board shall consist of twenty (20) members, including six (6) ex officio members who shall be the governor, the commissioners of education and agriculture, the executive director of the higher education commission and the chairs of the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(a)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-201(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) The governor, the commissioners of agriculture and education, the president of the university and the chairs of the education committee of the senate and the

education committee of the house of representatives shall be ex officio members of the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202(a), is amended by deleting the language "five (5)" and by substituting instead the language "seven (7)" in the first sentence of the subsection.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.